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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
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TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2622**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Robert BUCKLEY et al.

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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR UNDERCOLOR REDUCTION

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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In reply to the March 9, 2004, Office Action, and the personal interview conducted on March 31, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-22 are pending in the application.

**I. Personal Interview**

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the personal interview conducted on March 31, 2004. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

**II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8, 10-17, 19 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,960,161 to Bloomberg et al. (hereinafter "Bloomberg"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.